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COURT GAME HAS MADE BIG GAINS

Development of Tennis in Past Ten Years Surpasses That of Any Other Sport

In all the history of sport in this country there is nothing more remarkable than the rise of tennis to popularity within the past 20 years, and especially within the last 10 years.

Wherever a graduate says he is an accomplished tennis player, almost every one will bring up the record of his class, and whether it is better than the record of his class, or worse. Many players have gathered up their records from hundreds of tournaments of men and women, boys and girls throughout the country are watching the outcome of the all-comers' game with much eagerness, as the most valuable, if not the best, of the sports.

McCarthy, Williams, Hehir, Johnson,

the great names of tennis, and the characters of the prominent players are as well known as those of Goldilocks.

Tennis Can Plays

that can be made fundamental differences between tennis and baseball is this: The baseball fan reads and watches and talks about baseball. Your typical baseball fan, excepted out of 100,000, probably would never go home with a baseball bat, but he would with a tennis racket, and that your tennis player is more popular as well as better educated because he received the share of exercise in tennis, his exercise in the neighborhood, of the thousands who watched the tennis matches last year probably at least 20 per cent of them have played the game, and in consequence, your tennis player is more intelligently skilled than the amateur soldiers of a baseball team.

When the average writer is pressed from the baseball manager to baseball manager that tennis and golf are interrelated with the national game, it means not a mere transfer of allegiance, as spectators, but a revolution in their mode of life, the abandonment of a comfortable seat in the grandstand for the exertion of swinging, except to walk. Yet it is remarkable that results have attracted more people, not to a spectacle.

The tennis game is simpler than those of football, basketball, and almost every game is open not merely in the sense that it can be seen, but also that it can be understood. There are fine points to be sure, that only the initiated can understand. Sometimes the exchanges at the net are so rapid that we cannot hardly follow them, then it becomes a long succession of swift, sure drives from deep court, while the spectator wondering not only how they can return such hard-hits back, but how it is possible to send them so swiftly and still put "top" enough on them to bring them down within the limited court—than when one man wins his opponent an opening, there can be a dash of a white-clad figure to the net, a leap, the flash of a racquet in the sunlight, and the ball will bound from the deep green, far high over the head of the opposing player.

At one moment the ball will be passed with the nicely of a billiard stroke, at another it will be a power stroke, and harder, and the longer it is held, the more it comes down within the service line. Backhand strokes will be crooked off with an amazing precision; impossible goes will be made from impossible angles; there will be volleys and semi-volleys, and this will endure through ten or three, even five hard fought sets. No one has been able to compute how much ground a tennis player covers in a long match, though men who have played both tennis and football have said that the former game requires more stamina—and the casual spectator is willing to credit that statement.

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BIG NINE SCHOOLS MAY QUIT BASEBALL

Summer Baseball Agitation Is Expected to Bring About Drastic Action in Western Conference

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—Possibility of the abolition of baseball as a college sport by members of the Big Nine football conference has been discussed at the faculty meeting here, most leading men being most active. The University of Chicago has led the opposition against letting down the bars, while several other universities appear to favor either the adoption of the situation to play summer baseball.

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Veterans Best Fielders

Following are given the official fielding averages of the players of the National League. Because of the present number of players listed only the first five players of each position, except pitchers and outfielders, and the first eight of them, are given.

First Basemen

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	Pct.
Magee, Sherwood, Boston	21	278	19	6	192	.696
Mohr, Fred, Cincinnati	183	1645	79	7	891	.900
Dunbar, Jake, Brooklyn	150	1441	102	11	143	.908
Lindner, Fred, Phil.	141	1309	69	11	130	.905
Johnston, Wheeler, Pitts.	147	1456	48	15	134	.903

Second Basemen

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	Pct.
Groh, Henry, Cinc.	29	308	80	10	187	.875
Miller, John St. Louis	55	395	156	5	380	.970
Grant, Edw., N. Y.	55	209	57	3	199	.970
Groh, Henry, Cinc.	131	153	280	14	147	.999
Glynn, Robert, Phila.	105	388	183	36	208	.969

Third Basemen

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	Pct.
McCarthy, Alex., Pitts., Chic.	16	17	37	6	34	.900
Stock, Milton, Phila.	55	62	100	5	53	.975
Grant, Edw., N. Y.	55	209	57	3	199	.970
Groh, Henry, Cinc.	131	153	280	14	147	.999
Glynn, Robert, Phila.	105	388	183	36	208	.969

Shortstops

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	Pct.
Wagner, John, Pitts.	131	298	395	38	271	.945
Horgan, Charles, Cinc.	131	301	513	27	367	.945
Marnie, Walter, Boston	130	301	486	25	361	.941
Pfeiffer, Arthur, N. Y.	119	302	543	28	460	.936
Gerber, Walter, Pitts.	21	56	58	8	52	.934

Outfielders

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	Pct.
Fitzpatrick, Ed., Boston	29	48	3	0	31	.600
Townsend, G. F. Cinc.	24	30	2	0	22	.667
Hummel, John, Brooklyn	21	27	0	0	21	.000
Wilson, Owen, St. Louis	105	234	26	4	25	.984
Carey, Max, Pitts.	129	307	21	6	184	.982
Baldred, H. D., Pitts.	119	261	24	8	21	.982
Magee, Sherwood, Boston	135	346	16	7	109	.981
Whitfield, George, Phila.	119	296	7	6	73	.978

Catchers

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	Pct.
Gonzales, Miguel, St. L.	52	93	24	1	11	.982
Mevers, John, N. Y.	98	464	90	8	86	.938
Whaling, Bert, Boston	69	302	68	5	62	.988
Snyder, Frank, St. L.	142	502	204	14	199	.983
Bresnahan, Roger, Chic.	68	345	95	8	115	.982

Pitchers

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	Pct.
Adams, Charles H., Pitts.	40	3	67	0	67	.000
Robinson, J. H. St. L.	32	0	61	0	61	.000
Boone, Al., Pitt.	32	8	35	0	42	.000
Schupp, Fred, N. Y.	223	1	15	0	16	.000
Lavender, James, Chic.	41	14	67	1	82	.988
DeL. Wm., Brooklyn	40	8	61	1	61	.984
Matthewson, C. N. Y.	27	8	54	1	52	.984

Club Fielding

	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	Pct.
Boston	151	224	1939	213	2550	.994
Cincinnati	160	280	210	22	2620	.997
Pittsburgh	159	412	1905	214	2640	.997
Philadelphia	153	416	1950	216	2675	.996
St. Louis	157	419	2041	215	2660	.996
Brooklyn	154	419	1694	218	2662	.995
New York	155	413	1072	230	2560	.995
Chicago	150	185	988	208	2430	.993

Greatest of All Halfbacks Was Eddie Mahan; of Harvard

Crimson Star, In Fact, Is Rated as the Greatest All-Around Player Gridiron Sport Has Ever Known; Wanted to Enter Yale Because He Thought Harvard Aristocratic

EDWARD William Mahan has four brothers. Ask him if he remembers them. It was Edward who caused several prominent Harvard alumni to rub their hands together in wholesome glee at a recent graduate conference. "More glory for Harvard," said one. "More gloom for Yale," said another.

It was indeed a pleasant prospect from a Crimson viewpoint, but it had its drawbacks. The fact is, Edward William Mahan, who is soon to become a bachelor of whatever arts there are, including that of hunting a pigskin 88 ways from the Jack, is the youngest of the lot. He has four brothers, but they will not come to Harvard. He has six sisters, but they will not enroll at Harvard. In fact, Edward William will carry the Mahan name with him off the Harvard stage when he leaves it next June.